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Topfree means equality

AS ONE OF the original Topfree 7 and a participant in both subsequent topfree picnics, it was interesting to see the July 2 letter that summed up the struggle for topfree equality as a "travesty" and a "threat to the best interests of women."

The travesty exists in having a law that allows women's bodies to be exploited for corporate profit or men's pleasure, but denies women the right to freedom and comfort.

Fifty years ago, men's chests were considered obscene and required to be covered. Men won the right to remove their shirts by refusing to obey the law. Were they narcissistic? Perhaps so, but now few find this behavior offensive and most men would be unwilling to give up this freedom.

"Equating the physique of the two genders" is appropriate when some men have breasts that are larger than some women's and when you realize that the physiology of men's and women's breasts is exactly the same, except that women's breasts contain a mammary gland to produce milk.

Logic tells me that if only one gender is to have the right to uncover its chests in public, it should be the woman since she has a real and natural function to perform that is hampered by requiring breasts to be covered — a function many women are reluctant to perform because of embarrassment.

What is considered erotic is culturally defined. There was a period in China when the foot was considered an extremely exciting, erotic object, yet today we would find this ludicrous. Why are women's breasts considered sexual objects in our society, when they are merely secondary sexual characteristics, similar to men's beards, low voices and hairy chests? Simply because we have been conditioned by advertising, media and pornography to view them as such.

Put men's and women's bodies "under precisely the same rules?" Yes, it's called equality. The "best interests of women" will always be served by women, not men, patriarchal laws, or paternalistic customs, controlling their own bodies and making their own decisons.

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Keep one bridge open

AS A MOTORIST, I deplore the wretched state of some of our highways and bridges that serve as paths for our vehicles. But I deplore even more the apparent stupidity of planners of repair and the lack of common courtesy shown by other motorists who will not wait their turn in restricted areas.

Recently I tried to cross the Bay Bridge from the east into Rochester. I joined a line that extended almost to Bay Road. We sat in scorching heat as the line inched spasmodically toward what I thought must be a major construction cataclysm.

At the same time, other motorists were

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